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WORK EXPERIENCE

CITY OF BURLINGTON

Burlington, VT

Chief of Staff, Mayor Miro Weinberger

July 2015 – present

- Applied management, government operations, and policy responsibilities in a wide variety of administrative and operational areas with significant latitude for independent judgement and action
- Served as the main advisor to the Mayor, assisted with his management of City Departments, and worked with Department Heads to resolve emergent, time-sensitive, and high profile operational and policy issues
- Supervised the implementation of the City's media strategy and advised City Departments on public communications
- Assisted the Mayor in leading the City's "Core Team" working to enhance and meet City diversity, equity, and cultural competency goals, as well as efforts to develop and implement the City's first-ever Early Learning Initiative
- Worked closely with the Chief Innovation Officer in that position's leadership of "BTVStat," an initiative to collect and analyze data across City Departments to help implement structural reform and improve City service delivery
- Served as a liaison with City Councilors, Department Heads, community members, union leadership, businesses, State and Federal officials, and area academic and health centers to advance City projects

Projects Coordinator, Mayor's Office

2013 – 2015

- Coordinated cross-departmental issues related to the retirement system, housing policy, and other Mayoral initiatives
- Led search processes for Mayoral appointees, including the City's first Chief Innovation Officer and Chief of Police
- Drafted memos, op-eds, letters, and reports on complex issues of significant public interest

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Washington, DC

Policy Advisor, Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes Office

2012 – 2013

- Served as an advisor to senior Treasury officials within the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence
- Briefed Treasury principals on sanctions policy and financial issues related primarily to Lebanon, Syria, and Iran
- Authored Congressional testimony and other papers on complex Treasury policy positions and strategic decisions

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCE (ISAF)

Kabul and Kandahar, Afghanistan

Analyst

Summer 2010

- Participated in multi-disciplinary assessment of NATO's mission and the operational environment in Afghanistan

COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (CFR)

Washington, DC

Defense Policy Research Associate

2008-2010

- Managed a \$250,000 budget, drafted memos, and prepared briefs for Dr. Stephen Biddle on Iraq, Afghanistan, and the political development and evolving military methods of non-state armed groups like Hezbollah and the Taliban
- Coordinated Track II meetings between U.S. and Russian officials for CFR prior to President Obama's 2009 visit

A PLATE FOR ALL

Syria and Washington, DC

Program Officer (Volunteer)

2009-2011

- Assisted an international NGO that provided \$40,000 in food aid to Iraqi refugees living in northeastern Syria by monitoring food distributions in Syria, fundraising in the United States, and interviewing refugees in Arabic

UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Damascus, Syria

Community Services Intern

2007-2008

- Translated Arabic assessments for six months focused on Iraqi refugees' living situations in Syria

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

LIEUTENANT, UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE

Division Officer & Deputy Administrative Officer, NR JICCEN0597 2018 – Present

- Lead largest team within unit focused on supporting the mission of U.S. Central Command

Assistant Division Officer & Security Officer, NR JICCEN0597 2016 - 2017

- Unit named 2017 O'Connell Award recipient for Outstanding Navy Reserve Intelligence Large Unit of the Year

Analyst, Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) 2013 - 2015

- Supported the JCS Afghanistan-Pakistan Task Force and served as unit assistant commend fitness leader
- Commissioned 2011; completed the NIOBC while cross-assigned to the JCS (2011 – 2013)

EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Kennedy School of Government Cambridge, MA
MPP in Political and Economic Development; capstone project on U.S. sanctions policy received highest marks

WILLIAMS COLLEGE Williamstown, MA
BA in Political Science & History, Middle East Studies concentration, Mead Scholar, *cum laude*

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, Arabic Program, Summer 2007 Washington, DC

BOURGHUIBA INSTITUTE OF MODERN LANGUAGES, Arabic Program, Summer 2006 Tunis, Tunisia

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO, Fall 2004 Cairo, Egypt

COMMUNITY & BOARD SERVICE

- Pine Island Community Farm, Volunteer, 2013 – present
- Chittenden County Opioid Alliance, Board Alternate, 2016 – present
- Champlain Housing Trust, Board Member, 2014 – 2016

AWARDS

- Truman National Security Fellow – 2013
- Harvard Kennedy School Teaching Award – 2012
- Commander, International Security Assistance Force (COMISAF)'s Award for Excellence – 2010